

It is good to think about the greatness of Christ's kingdom. It is larger and older and stronger than any nation. The best and mightiest people of earth are its citizens. Furthermore, its members number countless souls who live beyond the river of death. The elect of every nation are within its borders. This kingdom has transformed the earth, and today wields more power than any other agency in the universe.

*5 Personal influence is the agency thru which the gospel leaven works.*

Every missionary is a bit of leaven. He is helping to change the character of the dark places of the earth. This we all can understand. Yet we forget that the kingdom cannot come—the whole lump of humanity cannot be leavened—until our own neighborhood has been leavened. We should not forget that America is a part of the lump to be leavened, as well as India, Africa, China, and the islands of the sea. So each of us, from the least unto the greatest, has a work to do as leaven. Leaven works particle by particle; individual affects individual.

#### Terse Teachings

Leaven always lifts.  
The really great despise nothing.  
Every life is leaven, good or bad.  
God knows the tares from the wheat.  
Expansion is the law of the kingdom.  
No lump is too great to be affected by a little leaven.  
No obstacle can hinder the final coming of the kingdom.  
Christian lives should grow to be trees of refreshment and shelter.  
Hypocrites do not belong in the church; they are sown there by the enemy.  
Hypocrites may be in the church visible, but they cannot get into the church invisible.  
The seed of the kingdom is good seed; the natural product of the church is holy men and women.  
Tares may at first appear to be wheat, but the end proves them. The wheat gets to the garner and the tares to the fire.  
The parable of the tares teaches patience. If we will but wait until the harvest there will be no problem of hypocrites.

## Church News

### Out West

The Carleton Church is moving on quiet but steady. The town is now in the reaction from Jones meeting, and there is no special movement, but we are watching the opportunities to win the tide in the right direction. The church is free from sickness and trouble which is much to be thankful for. Brethren Kelso and Easterbrooks conduct the Sunday School, Sister Sue Lichty is at the head of the Young People's work, while Sisters Lichty, Beachy and Whipkey stand for the Women's Society, all of which I think are above the average in working capacity. Our women did a good work last year and are working hard this year. I will let Sister Beachy tell of that work. Our additions last

year were over thirty by baptism and relation with some reclaimed. The year before that we had additions, so that it is easy to see God is blessing us in our work as he always has.

Brother Hixson was with us for a night in Hamlin, and at the North Bethany Church for a week or over but the weather was against him. Brother Gillin is at Hamlin this week and I will not write of there until he is thru and will then let him do the talking. This only makes the third meeting this year for Hamlin. This point has paid every cent of her mission money, now let the others do likewise. A church that fails to raise her money for this work is not doing the square thing.

Since my last letter I have had a marriage and a funeral. The marriage was that of Charles Berkley and Maggie McGuire, both members of the Hamlin Church and now living in Hamlin where they keep in the cause of Christ. Brother Berkley now has three of his boys and their wives and children in town with him. Other members will move in no doubt and Hamlin if she runs to the line will be a strong church.

I buried Brother Joe Wicks from Preston. His body was taken to Falls City, and the funeral services were held in the M. E. Church, this being the largest church in town, and our own too small to accommodate the crowd. Brother Wicks had formerly lived in Carleton. He and his wife and afterward his family were the chief helpers in the church at Preston, Neb. There were six children all of whom I baptized. The two girls and Stanley are with the mother. The three boys of age are in business for themselves. Brother Wicks had many friends and his sudden leaving us was a surprise and shock to all. Sister Wicks is now living in Falls City. Here she can be with her parents Brother and Sister Nedrow, all of whom have our sympathy. I left the obituary to be written by Brother M. Lichty who knew him so well.

I doubt if it was wise to publish that account of Copp's until after the Ohio Conference. It seems to me that the matter should have been taken to the State Conference before it was made a national affair. I know nothing of the case but mention this on general principles.

I assure you brethren that there are points in our church work that need watching, and just along this line is one: there should not be work done so quick that it will have to be undone and then make a muss of right is right, and those who have been wronged can afford to be patient; that is what some of us are doing.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

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A month has passed since my last report to the EVANGELIST, and no doubt our brothers and sisters are anxious to know what the Pittsburg Church is doing; but so uppermost and important in our minds has been

our coming church that we have almost forgotten to inform our brethren how nicely we are progressing. Our congregation as I have before stated is in good condition, altho there have been no accessions for some time back, yet our members are rallying together and a spirit of harmony prevails.

Sunday afternoon, April 22 we held an open air service on our lots. We had present with us Rev. Weyand of the Pacific Ave. M. E. Church, Rev. Kerr of the Friendship Park Church and Rev. Fulmer of the Lutheran Church, each of whom took part in the service. We had a good attendance and our friends and members contributed liberally to the collection taken up. On the Monday following, the excavating began and the work is going on nicely now. We have just held a supper and bazaar, at which we realized in the neighborhood of \$151. Some \$21 of that amount was made by the common sense booth fitted up by the Ladies Aid Society.

Our Sabbath-school is still increasing and we feel encouraged about that, as the boys and girls will be the men and women of the church.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. have organized a reading circle to complete the course of missionary works and our society as a whole has been working well.

Our pastor will leave us about the 20th of the month for a period of two weeks to hold revival services for one of the churches in which Brother D. J. Bole has been preaching. Brother Bole's time being so taken up here, the church decided to spare Brother Darling for the work. Altho we will miss him very much, we know he is doing good elsewhere, and also that we will be well taken care of, having in our midst at present three ministers; Brethren Bole, Wise and Replogle. Hoping for the prayers of our brethren and sisters upon our effort we will close for this time.

G. A. KENNEDY.

### Gleanings From the Wayside

With pleasure we write that we are grateful for life and for light of divine revelation. Our communion at Poplar Grove is in the past, a good meeting. The spirit manifested itself through the solemnity of the occasion. At our business meeting at Lapaz quite a lot of business was transacted harmoniously and was called to succeed ourselves for the coming conference year. Hope it may be pleasant and profitable to all concerned.

Yours for salvation,

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The dark clouds are breaking. A clearer sky is becoming visible. Last Sunday we had the pleasure of baptizing two more. We expect quite an ingathering here soon. We held several preparatory services this week. May God give the increase.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.